

FREE TICKETS TO THE JACKSONVILLE CARNIVAL.

The Florida Chair Factory, one of the most enterprising firms in the state, is advertising to give a free ticket, that will admit the holder to the entire carnival show, including the Midway, with all of its attractions, to every customer who purchases \$10 worth of their chairs from now until October 31st.

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SPORTING BREVITIES.

Catcher Lou Criger is of opinion that pitcher Jesse Tannehill's lame arm is certainly cured.

J. Mara, of Paterson, won the one hundred yard championship of the Eastern Y. M. C. A. at Willard Park, Totowa, N. J.

The Boston Globe is of opinion that the Cleveland Club pays too much attention to picking up outfielders and not enough to securing competent pitchers.

Princeton was played to a standstill at football by Lafayette, Pennsylvania was lucky to beat "Penn" State, and Harvard had a hard time to beat Williams.

John R. Payne, long a foremost British yachtsman, is convinced that if America adopted the rules prevailing abroad there would be no limit to international racing.

New York and Pittsburg tied for second place in the National League race of 1908. All bets that New York would beat out Pittsburg or that Pittsburg would beat out New York are off.

Captain Currier of the Harvard varsity baseball team, announced the appointment of L. P. Pieper, 1903, to be coach of the team next season. Pieper has served as coach for the last two years.

George Gano, a pacer with a record of 2.03 1/4, by Gambera Wilkes—Credition, by Nuthurst, belonging to the Christian Hills Stables, was sold at Lexington, Ky., to C. M. Greenough, of New Hampshire, for \$15,000.

After being held for ten years in Australia, the sculling championship of England was won back at London by Ernest Barry, of London, who easily defeated George Towns, of Australia, by a length and a half over the Putney-Mortlake course of four and one-quarter miles. Barry's time was 21 min. 12 1-5 sec.

The best work on citrus fruits, published so far as we have seen is by Professor H. H. Hume, clothbound price \$2.50. If you want to know more of orange growing send for a copy to Item, San Mateo, Fla. 1/

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"Before that fire burned itself out it had traversed a strip of territory sixty miles long and five miles wide. We lost hundreds of thousands of ties by the fire, to say nothing of the timber that was burned over all because a man was not careful where he threw a lighted match. When such fires once get started they burn themselves out; you can't stop them.

"And they play some queer freaks. I have seen great pine trees, standing out alone in a little clearing 100 yards or more from anything, and suddenly the fire would jump out and a few minutes later nothing would be left of the tree but the trunk and scarred and burned limbs. I remember one case of the kind where a handsome big pine stood out alone. Suddenly the flames seemed to gather themselves into a big ball and burst over the top of the tree like a shell, enveloping it in fire. It burned as though it had been kindled.

"Somehow the fire seems to take all the sap out of the tree. That tree was completely destroyed in a short time, the fire sweeping on and leaving it a grotesque and blackened trunk where before was a beautiful picture.

"In the old days the Indians were very careful of fire. When they broke camp in the morning after going a short distance one of the band would go back to see that there was no spark unextinguished. If there was he would be sure to put it out. If he did not return to the waiting band soon two or three others would go back and if there was any fire they would help him extinguish it.

"In that way forest fires were prevented. Nowadays with white campers and picnickers going into the woods and leaving without care whether they leave sparks which may cause a blaze or not, it is hard to preserve the forests. I presume it was something of that kind which started the fires in that country up in British Columbia. I know the country; it is densely timbered and a fire there will mean the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in standing timber, to say nothing of the lives said to have been lost."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Concrete Construction.

The modern development of concrete construction has done much to improve the esthetic quality of railway engineering. Substantial appearance and architectural character tend to take the place of much ugliness of wood and steel along the right of way. Colossal examples of reinforced concrete construction are the several miles of viaduct built across the salt water between many of the islands to carry the railway from the Florida mainland to Key West. As impressive as a Roman viaduct is the rhythmic order of these great monolithic arches—about six miles of them altogether. In one stretch alone are nearly three miles, in another two. Fancy the ugliness of piles of steel trestles in contrast with this gigantic work, which declares that modern engineering, like that of antique days, can be not only strong, but beautiful!—Sylvester Baxter's "The Railway Beautiful," in the Century.

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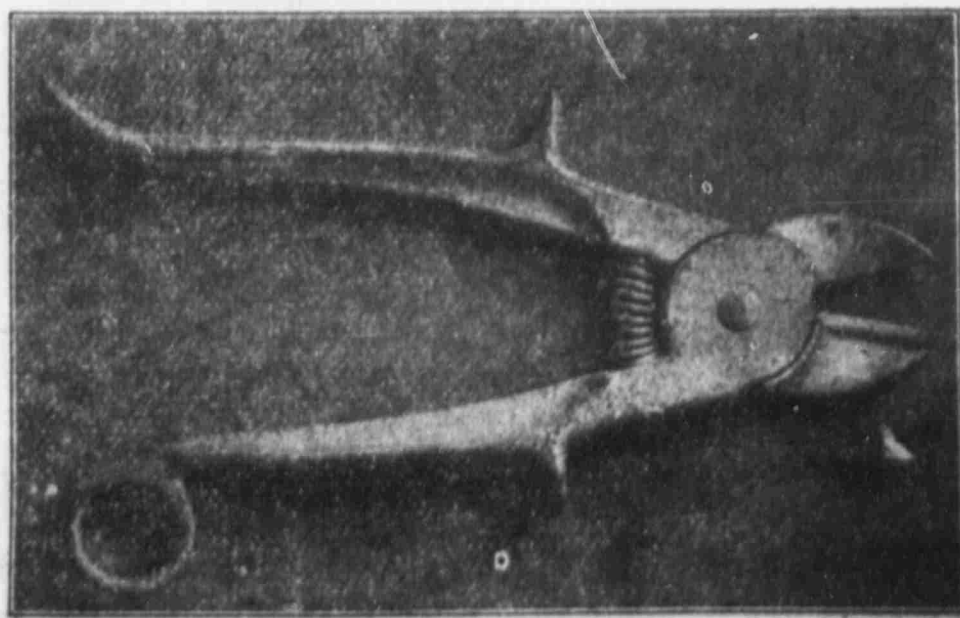
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